

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Araby Church Road Houses Survey Number: F:7-132
Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Araby Church Road Houses are an ensemble of three early 20th-century frame houses located at 4009-4029 Araby Church Road at the intersection of MD 355, Araby Church Road and Reel's Mills Road, south of the Monocacy Battlefield in Frederick County. The complex of houses does not qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The houses are each, and together, reflective of the early 20th-century era of settlement along the stretch of the Frederick-Georgetown Turnpike just south of the Monocacy Battlefield. The houses predate the construction of MD 355 which by-passed the turnpike in ca. 1920. The houses themselves are modest, two-story, three-bay vernacular dwelling forms that were common dwelling forms of the period. Two of the houses are abandoned and in deteriorating shape. The property lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past and thus does not qualify under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, MHT Form (1995) and DOE (1996).

Kimberly Prothro Williams September 26 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

Rita Suffness 9/30/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

James

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☒ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period (s) :
Modern Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions and Use:
Domestic/single dwellings/residences

Known Design Source: None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-7-132

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Araby Church Road Houses

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ¹4009-³4029 Araby Church Road N/Anot for publication

city, town Urbana x vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> <u>x</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> <u>x</u> building(s)	<u> </u> <u>x</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> <u>x</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> <u>x</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> <u>x</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name ¹Mr. Henry Broadbent, ²Unknown, ³Philip Diffenbach

street & number 4009-4029 Araby Church Road telephone no. Not available

city, town Frederick state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse (1) 955
liber (3) 1171

street & number Frederick folio (1) 223
(3) 365

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. F 7 132

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1900	1920	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
	and/or			
	Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-132

Atlas of Frederick County, MD, C.O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, 1873. History of Frederick County, MD by T.J.C. Williams and Folger McKinsey, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, reprint of L.R. Titsworth & Co., 1910. Frederick County Business Directory, 1886. W.T. Delaplaine & Co., Frederick, MD, p. 263 (Urbana P.O.)
Personal communication with Mrs. Simes and Mrs. Williams

10. Geographical Data

inventoried ca. 5 acres
Acreage of ~~subjected~~ property

Quadrangle name Buckeystown

Quadrangle scale 1:25,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting NorthingB

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Parcels

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Urbana Vicinity
Frederick County, Maryland**

**Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description**

The Araby Church Road Houses are an ensemble of three early twentieth century frame dwellings located on a triangular piece of land created by the intersection of MD 355 and Araby Church Road near their intersection with Reel's Mill Road. Both 4009 and 4029 Araby Church Road postdate the construction of MD 355 in its current location in ca. 1920, whereas the middle structure may have just pre-dated it. It is clear that it was initially oriented to the west (Araby Church Road) which was the original location of the Frederick-Georgetown Turnpike. MD 355, originally US 240, was constructed ca. 1920 to bypass a section of Araby Church Road.

The southernmost structure (1), along with two frame structures (one possibly a small barn or garage) and a shed, is located in the apex of the acute triangle created by the intersection of MD 355 and Araby Church Road located opposite Reel's Mill road. It is a frame (possibly log) three bay wide rectangle with a gable roof parallel to the east-facing entrance facade. A full width shed roofed addition is located on the rear, and a full width, one story porch supported by lathe turned posts shelters the entrance. It has been clad with cream colored vinyl siding, and original windows replaced with vinyl prefabricated windows.

The irregular fenestration of the entrance facade with two doorways offset on the first floor and a smaller window in the center of the second floor suggests that the house may have been built in stages or major modification has occurred. A small board and batten shed is located off the southwest corner of the house, with a small simple, shed barn with outshut on the north located adjacent to the shed.

Structure 2, located between 4009 and 4029 Araby Church Road, is situated in a heavily overgrown depression of land and appears to be uninhabited. A multi-part structure, it is composed of a three bay wide rectangular block, two-and-one-half stories in length, on the south, extended, to the north by a long, narrow addition. One story in height where it abuts the main block, it is two stories high on the north side because the concrete block basement level is exposed above grade. The gable roof which parallels the principal, east facing facade, is composed of standing seam metal. A very short section, immediately abutting the principal block, has a higher roof line. The building probably originated as a three bay wide, two bay deep rectangular dwelling which was originally oriented to Araby Church Road, formerly the Frederick-Georgetown Turnpike. It is clear from the visible seams where the openings were enclosed with wood that there was a principle center door between two windows on the lower elevation. The weatherboard sheathing is highly irregular, indicating numerous patches. At some point after the

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Description**

construction of the new stretch of MD 355, bypassing Araby Church Road, the entrance was re-oriented to the east, and the building was extended with a one-story, full width section with multi-pane picture windows on either side of an entrance with a stock, pseudo-Georgian style surround. This addition also has a standing seam metal roof.

The northernmost structure (3) of the three dwelling also postdates construction of US 240 (later MD 355). An ell shaped structure, the principal east-facing wing, three bays wide and one bay deep has asbestos shingle siding and a standing seam metal roof which parallels the entrance elevation. The fenestration on this facade is irregular, with the middle two-over-two light on the second story slightly offset to the south. The lower floor is four bays wide, with two window openings offset to the north, and a window plus entrance offset to the south, resulting in a blank area. This elevation is sheltered by a one-story full width porch supported by lathe turned posts.

The ell, which projects to the west, is nearly centered on the west wall of the principle block. A small open porch is located in the north angle of the two sections. This structure supported on a fieldstone foundation, is built into a rise on the north, resulting in the exposure of the basement level on the south. A concrete block garage is located off the southwest corner and a four bay equipment shed is built off the southeast corner.

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**Continuation Sheet 8.1
Statement of Significance**

The Araby Church Road Houses are reflective of the early twentieth century era of settlement along the stretch of the Frederick-Georgetown (or Frederick-Urbana) turnpike just south of the Monocacy Battlefield. Only six houses (pre-dating these structures) existed in the stretch of the road which was bypassed by the construction of MD 355 (originally US 240) in the 1920's. Until the recent spate of housing construction in the area most of the development was located in the upper section of Araby Church Road within the boundary of the Monocacy Battlefield.

These three structures are moderately significant as examples of modest dwellings built in response to the growing agricultural development of Frederick County, as well as the construction of a railroad switch just a few miles north at Frederick junction.

The region anticipated agricultural expansion of the hinterlands because of improved transportation networks provided by the C&O Canal (Patowmack Canal), new road network that focused on turnpikes between agricultural center and market or port, and the railroads, such as the B&O, in providing access to these same markets.

These structures are within the Piedmont geographic region, within the general vicinity of the town of Urbana, near the former Frederick-Georgetown (Frederick-Urbana) Turnpike (Route 355), three miles from the former B&O railroad line at Frederick Junction, and a few miles south of Frederick. Agriculture in Frederick County centered around the production of grains and cereals, and the county was the largest producer of wheat in the county by 1790. New and easier transportation modes made the region attractive for settlement, and the lands around Urbana were noted as highly productive and well improved. Crops grown in Urbana included wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes and tobacco. The railroad also provided employment to settlers in the areas near the stations.

Architecturally, the houses are only modest examples of once-typical dwellings. The houses possess little integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The houses retain little architectural integrity, and display late twentieth century improvements, including expansion of the earlier structures and incorporation of new architectural features, a number of significant architectural modifications are evident.

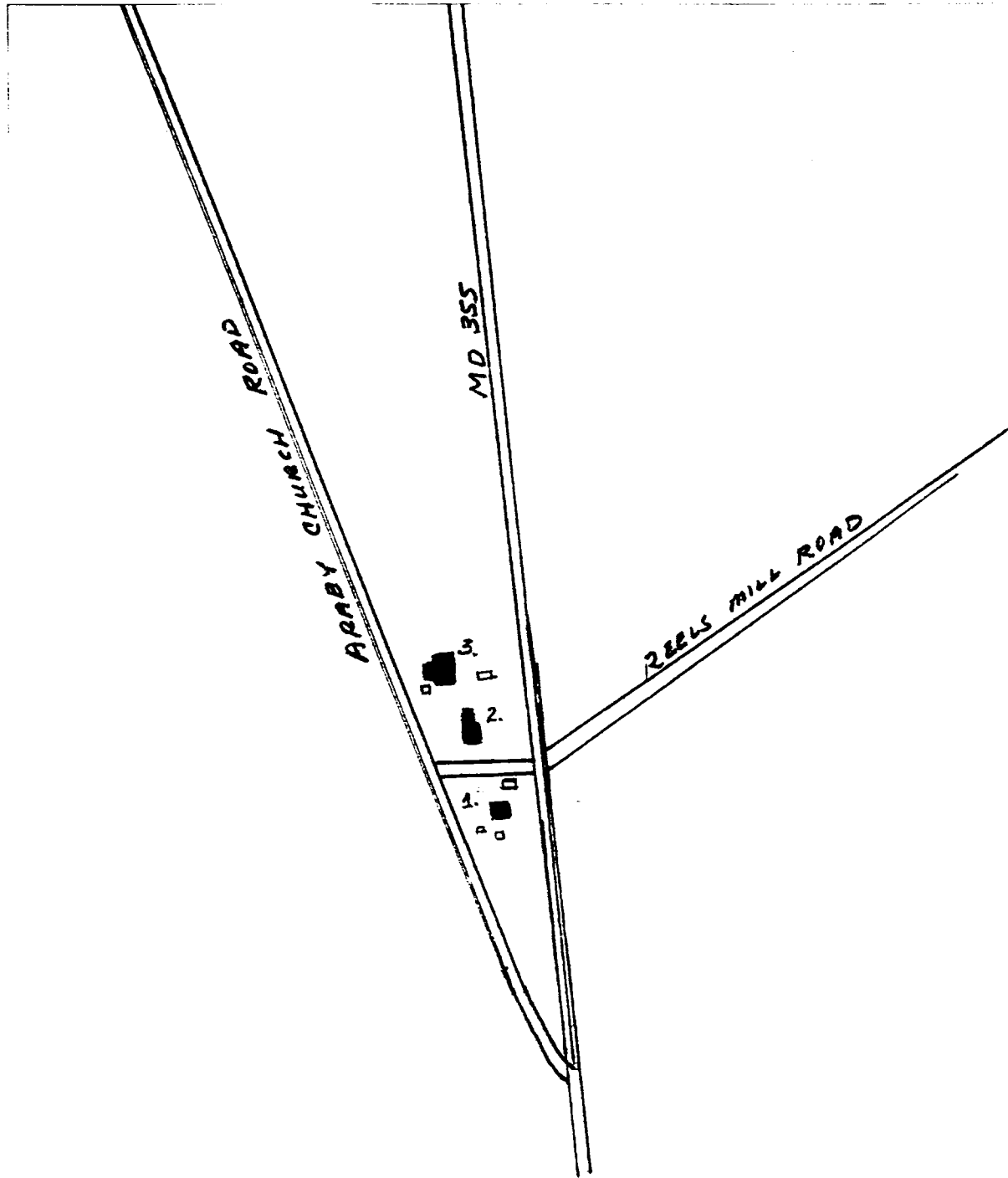
The Araby Church Road Houses have been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A, B, and C. This

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Statement of Significance

evaluation was made according to the Maryland Historical Trust's Statewide Historic Contexts. The houses do not appear to be eligible for listing under any of the criteria as they no longer retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Modern additions have changed their footprints and/or other alterations to the buildings in the form of replacement windows, composition shingles on the roof et., give the appearance of more recent buildings. The properties, therefore, do not appear eligible under Criterion C for architectural significance.

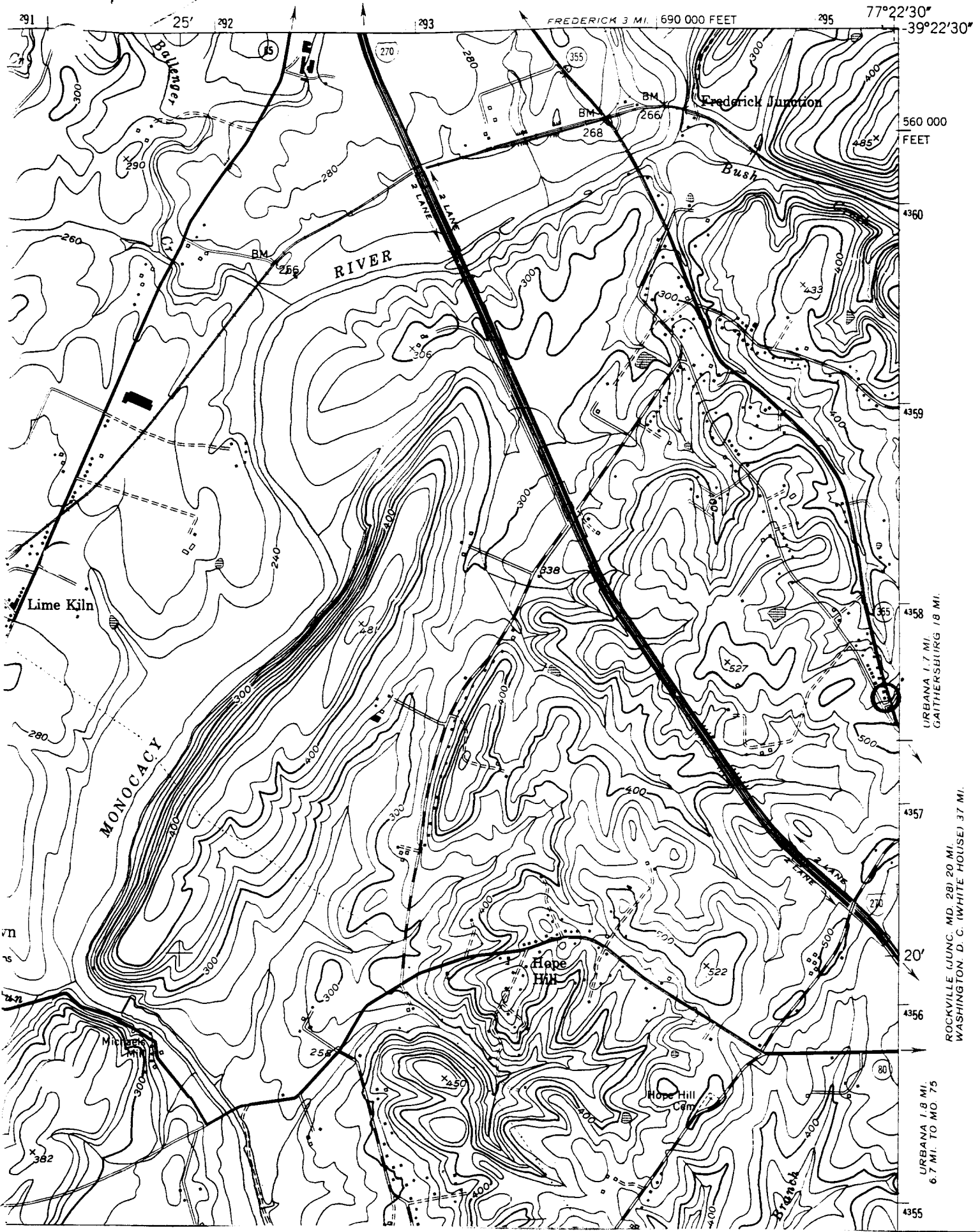


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 BUCKEYSTON Araby Church Road Houses
 Urbana Vicinity, Frederick County
 MARYLAND Buckeystown Quadrangle

HAGERSTOWN 26 MI.
 FREDERICK 3 MI.
 FREDERICK (JUNC. U.S. 40) 3.5 MI.

7.5 MINUTE SECTION (1:50,000)

(W.A.)



URBANA 1.7 MI.
 GAITHERSBURG 1.8 MI.

ROCKVILLE (JUNC. MD. 28) 20 MI.
 WASHINGTON, D. C. (WHITE HOUSE) 37 MI.

URBANA 1.8 MI.
 6.7 MI. TO MD. 75





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Letter to Mr. [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

Re: [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
Federal [unclear] [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed

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Armed by the ...

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How far away from the bank

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New Corner

5/15



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Antelope Creek, Park House

Dwelling

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2.5 mi. S. of front 17-15

5.5 ft. in

present. "10"

very at 1000 ft. - 1000 ft.

Outbreeding (Shed/Sp.) 1000 ft. (1000 ft.)

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Spring House Road House.

Dwelling #2

on of 1869 (1870) 1/2 (1871) 1/2

Found at Spring House

1/2 (1871) 1/2

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1/2 (1871) 1/2 (1871) 1/2

7/15



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Archie, 1000, 1000, 1000, 1000

Dwelling -

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D.

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9, 10



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Along the 2nd store
Dwelling

2nd store, 2nd floor

2nd store, 2nd floor

2nd store

2nd store

2nd store, 2nd floor

2nd store, 2nd floor

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Archie's house - from the

Dwelling - 2

2nd floor - 1st floor

2nd floor - 1st floor

12th floor - 1st floor

1st floor - 1st floor

2nd floor - 1st floor

Dwelling - 1st floor

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County Clerk, Road House

Duelling # 3

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Frederick County, Md.

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Duelling # 3

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